

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The US-91 North Corridor Plan is the result of a long-range planning process conducted by and for the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). The purpose of the plan is to develop a comprehensive, long range transportation plan document that will guide corridor management and project programming in the Idaho Statewide Transportation Improvement Program over the next 20 years. The study was conducted in accordance with Idaho Transportation Department's published guidance for developing transportation corridor management plans.¹ The study is an evaluation of the transportation, environmental, and land use conditions along the US-91 Corridor. Information developed from the evaluation is used to establish corridor goals and objectives, identify management strategy and improvement options to address the deficiencies, and to select a recommended set of management strategies and improvements.

This corridor planning study included the following major tasks:

- Task I Identification of Existing Transportation, Land Use and Environmental Conditions
- Task II Identification of Future Transportation and Land Use Conditions
- Task III Establishment of Corridor Goals and Objectives
- Task IV Development of Management Strategy and Improvement Options
- Task V Identification of Recommended Management Strategies and Improvements
- Task VI Preparation of a Corridor Plan Document

This report describes the methods and findings of these tasks.

It should be noted that the transportation facility deficiencies or needs identified in this report are not necessarily safety hazards. Identification of these deficiencies or needs does not imply that the improvements required to address them will necessarily be constructed. Construction of the improvements identified in this study is dependent on the availability of funding. Preparation of this study by the Idaho Transportation Department does not guarantee that adequate financial resources will be available to implement the improvements.

1.1 Report Contents

The body of this report presents existing and future transportation conditions, land use and environmental conditions, the public process undertaken during the corridor plan development, alternatives considered, and recommended improvements.

1.2 Project Study Area

The US-91 North Corridor Plan study area is comprised of a 40-mile segment of US-91 from Siphon Road in northern Bannock County to Sunnyside Road in Bonneville County. The study area is shown in Figure 1-1. The US-91 study area passes through Bannock, Bingham and Bonneville Counties, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Fort Hall Reservation and Fort Hall town site, and the Cities of Blackfoot, Firth, Shelley and southern portion of Idaho Falls.




The corridor planning process divided the study area into five segments to facilitate analysis and presentation.

- Segment 1 Siphon Road to Sheepskin Road in Fort Hall (Milepost 81.580 to 88.876)
- Segment 2 Sheepskin Road to South Blackfoot Interchange (Milepost 88.876 to 97.052)
- Segment 3 South Blackfoot Interchange to Airport Road (Milepost 97.052 to 102.8)
- Segment 4 Airport Road to New Sweden Road (Milepost 102.8 to 118.8)
- Segment 5 New Sweden Road to Sunnyside Road (Milepost 118.8 to 125.175)

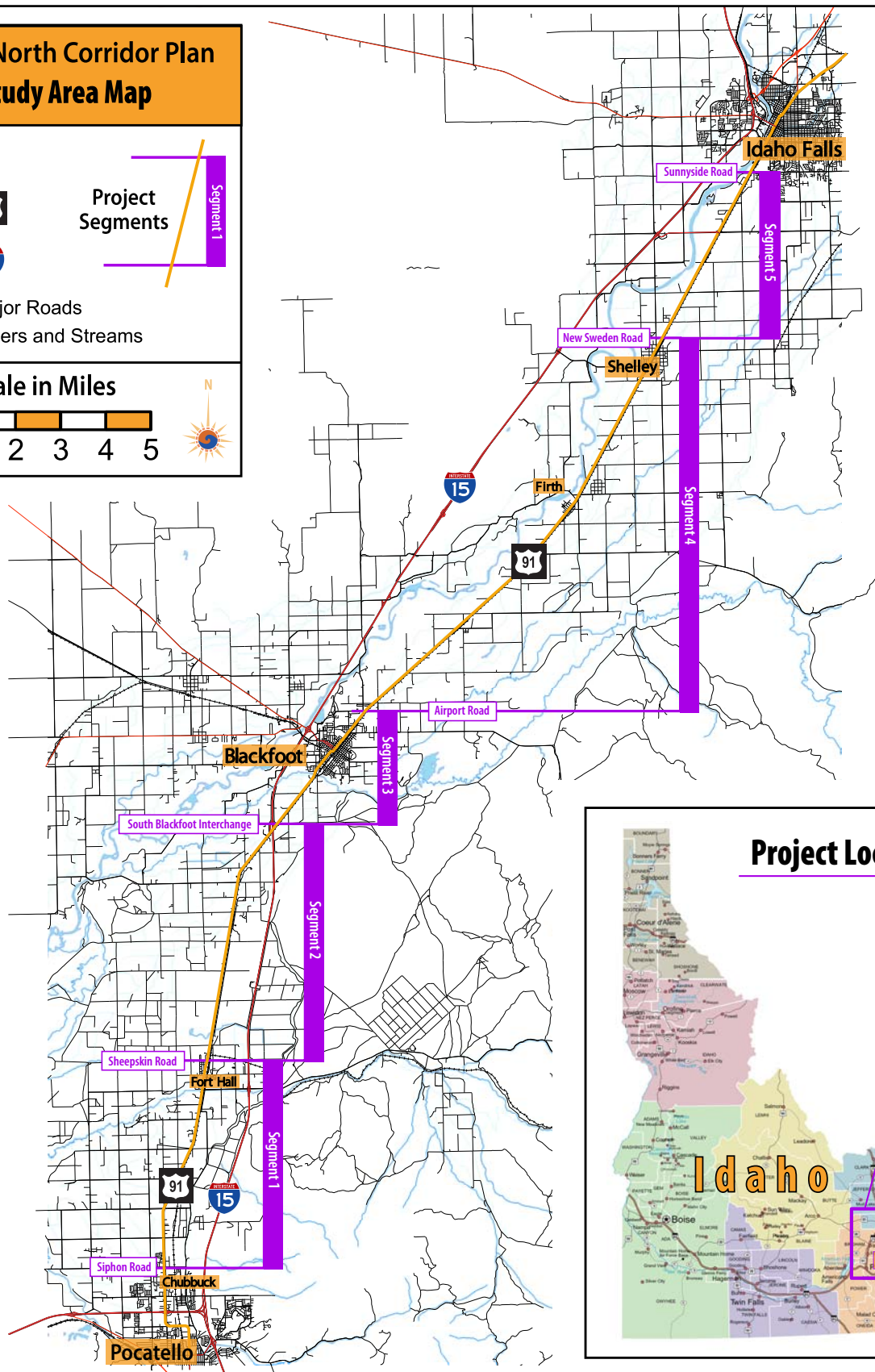
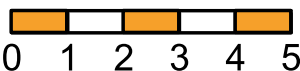
¹ Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Transportation Planning, Idaho Corridor Planning Guidebook, Updated August 2004

US-91 North Corridor Plan Study Area Map

Legend

-  Project Segments
-  Major Roads
-  Rivers and Streams

Scale in Miles



Project Location



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Corridor Plan Study Area

Figure 1-1

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